

Trucks Sold By Spain on Way to Cuba

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MADRID, Feb. 15 (UPI)—A shipment of Spanish trucks was en route to Communist Cuba today and there were no indications that Generalissimo Francisco Franco's government planned to diminish its trade with Fidel Castro's Caribbean island.

The first photograph of a Spanish truck being loaded aboard a freighter at the port of Santander in northern Spain on Thursday was released today. A Madrid spokesman for the firm that built the Pegaso trucks said "20-odd vehicles composed the shipment." He added that the freighter was English but refused to give its name.

The spokesman said other Pegaso trucks were shipped to Cuba from Barcelona and Bilbao.

Franco this week sent a personal note to President Johnson. Both the American and Spanish governments have been silent about its contents.

The U.S. Foreign Assistance Act bars economic aid from any country which fails to take appropriate steps to prevent "ships or aircraft under its registry from transporting to Cuba any items of economic assistance."

The measure was signed Dec. 16 and went into effect yesterday. Spain is the only Western nation with regularly scheduled airline services to Cuba.